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Response to Appeal Brief

1. The Brief filed on 4/14/04 is not fully responsive because the "Real Party In Interest" states that the examiner is the real party in interest, which is not correct.

2. In the "Grouping of Claims", it is not clear how the claims are grouped. However, on page 7 of the appeal brief appellant states "Claims 29, 30, 32, 36, 37, 39 and 40 all fall together with claim 1." For further prosecution, the examiner will consider this explicit statement as basis for grouping all the claims in one group, which stands or falls together with claim 1. The examiner suggests that the appellant's response make the record clear on this issue.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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